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LOK SABHA

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CASH CROPS/ CONVENTIONAL CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers have given emphasis on cash crops instead of conventional crops on a large scale in several parts of the country during the last few years;

(b): if so, whether the Government has conducted any survey to ascertain the area brought under cash crops during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof , State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The coverage of area for the period from 2002-03 to 2004-05 under cultivation of conventional crops (viz. foodgrains like rice, wheat, cereals and pulses) vis-Ã -vis cash crops (viz. oilseeds, onion, potato, cotton, jute & mesta, sugarcane, coconut, cashewnut, arecanut and tobacco) presented in the Table below shows that the proportions of area under cash crops are increasing.

(Area in lakh hectares)

Year	Conventional crops	Cash crops
2002-03	1138.6	398.7
2003-04	1234.5	414.4
2004-05	1200.8	462.1

(b) No such survey has been conducted by the Government.

(c) Does not arise.